



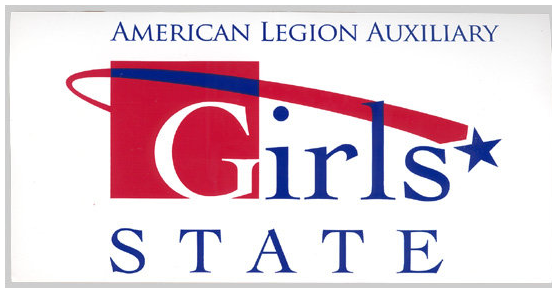
## THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPLYING

Arkansas Girls State is an intense week-long educational program, which has been sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas since 1942. It has provided training for over 48,000 Arkansas girls in the fundamental aspects of patriotism, citizenship and practical government for the past 66 years. The purpose

of Girls State is to educate young women of high school age, like you, in the duties, privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship, and to provide an opportunity for them to participate in the actual functioning of their government.

- Girls who attend Girls State should be in good health; well adjusted mentally, socially and physically; and able to stay for the ENTIRE session. Delegates will not be allowed to arrive late, leave early, or “check out” for any part of the session. If, after acceptance, you find you cannot attend Girls State for any reason, you **MUST** contact the Unit 52 Girls State Chairman by Tuesday, May 18, so that an alternate delegate may go in your place. Sponsors pay \$175 to send a girl to Girls State; this money is not refundable, so it is imperative that the delegates do what is expected and stay for the entire week.
- The American Legion Auxiliary motto, “For God & Country,” is emphasized throughout the week. If you are not comfortable with this and cannot be tolerant of it, you should not apply.
- You will be expected to comply with the Harding University dress code, requiring modest and neat clothes at all times. No short-shorts, sweatpants, torn jeans, suggestively tight-fitting clothes or miniskirts allowed; longer-leg shorts and dresses just above the knee are acceptable. You will need a dress or skirt (NO slacks or pantsuits) for the Inauguration ceremony, and a dress, skirt, or dressy pantsuit/slacks for the trip to the Capitol. In addition, you’ll need comfortable walking shoes for daily wear – you’ll be covering a lot of ground!
- You will need to have a physical exam within 7 days of the start of Girls State (bring medical certification form signed by your doctor with you to the campus – do not mail!).
- You must arrive on campus by 12:30 pm on Sunday, May 30; you and/or your parents are responsible for your transportation.
- You will not have a roommate that you know; roommates and room assignments cannot be changed.
- Smoking and alcohol use are forbidden at Harding University and Girls State. Any delegate who smokes or drinks, or who leaves campus without express permission of Girls State Staff will be sent home. Her fee will not be returned, and her school will be notified that she did not complete the program.

You can also expect to have a lot of FUN! Even though you’ll be on the go from early morning until late at night, during your week at Girls State you’ll be treated to band and choral concerts, talent shows, daily activity periods, and even free time to spend with the all the new friends you’ll make. Don’t pass up this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!



## DELEGATES' RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are chosen as a Delegate or Alternate to Girls State, you will be expected to meet certain deadlines and obligations. Selection of Delegates and Alternates will be made by April 15, 2010.

- Each chosen delegate will receive a permission slip to be signed by her parents, along with an application card to be completed and signed by her high school principal. Please do not separate the cards! **Return BOTH these documents to the school counselor's office no later than Thursday, April 15.**

Once these applications are received in the Little Rock office, a packet of information will be sent to each delegate to complete the process.

- An orientation meeting is planned for mid-May (date to be determined) for the delegates who are chosen, outlining the program and the experiences that are available to them. A parent or guardian will need to accompany the delegate to this meeting.
- One of the biggest fundraisers for The American Legion Auxiliary nationwide is the Poppy Drive. The red crepe-paper poppies are made by disabled veterans, and the donations we collect are used in the care and rehabilitation of veterans confined to nursing homes and veterans' hospitals. This year Poppy Day for Alley-White American Legion Auxiliary Unit #52 is Saturday, May 22, from 9am until 3pm. As a community service project, we ask Girls State delegates to sign up for a one-hour shift (or more) to assist us in this endeavor. An adult Auxiliary member will be paired with each delegate. Sign-up will be handled by the Girl's State Chairman.
- Sunday, May 30, through Friday, June 4, 2010: Girls State at Harding University, Searcy, AR
- Alley-White American Legion Auxiliary Unit 52 will honor the delegates and their parents at our July meeting. Each delegate will be asked to give a short talk regarding her week at Girls State. Date and time will be announced later.

Please mark your calendars accordingly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 424-6235.

Suzan Kaye  
2010 Girls State Chairman



***Sunday, May 30 through Friday, June 4, 2010 -- Harding University, Searcy AR***

**FILL IN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY.  
MAIL TO "GIRLS STATE," 717 MARKET STREET, MOUNTAIN HOME, AR 72653,  
POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 9, 2010**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age on June 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ School Attending \_\_\_\_\_

***To be eligible for Girls State, a student must have completed her junior year by May 2009  
and have a G.P.A. of 2.5 for grades 9 through 11***

The purpose of Girls State is to offer outstanding high school students the opportunity to participate in mock government and to learn through that participation more about the American system of government.

Married or divorced students are not eligible for Girls State. Any student whose religion does not permit her to pledge allegiance to the flag of our country is not eligible to attend.

The program, sponsored by The American Legion Auxiliary, is designed to encourage patriotism and an understanding of how our government works. The program is physically demanding. If a student's health will not allow her to participate fully in rigorous physical activity, she should not accept nomination.

Delegates will have a responsibility to attend an orientation session in mid-May with a parent or guardian regarding what to expect at Girls State. In addition, girls will need to devote a minimum of one hour on Saturday, May 22, to the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day Sale. A dinner meeting with The American Legion Auxiliary will be held on July 5 that will include sponsoring individuals and organizations along with the delegate's parents, to relate her experience at Girls State.

**Summarize the offices you hold and honors you have received in school, church and community organizations:**

- ***School Clubs and Activities:***

- **Church:**
  
- **Community:**
  
- **Awards/Honors Received:**

(If you need more room, please use reverse side of this application)

**Write a paragraph explaining why you wish to attend Girls State and why you deserve to be selected:**

*I fully understand the purpose of Girls State and accept the responsibilities accompanying my selection. My signature is your assurance that I do meet the G.P.A. requirements, that I am completing my junior year of high school, and that I have no record of misconduct throughout grades 9-11. I agree to abide by all of the regulations of the program, and understand that if I am accepted as a delegate and fail to attend (without 14 days advance notice), my parents will be expected to reimburse The American Legion Auxiliary the amount of my sponsorship fee.*

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_